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日本年五月廿二日

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1161

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this day Admitted as a PARTNER in our Firm Mr. WILLIAM SNELL ORR.

Our PAINTERS now are MR. THOMAS DEAS HOYD, MR. EDWARD NEILSON ROSE, MR. THOMAS COVIL and Mr. WILLIAM SNELL ORR.

BOYD & CO.

Amoy, 1st July, 1884. 1080

NOTICE.

WE have from this Date ESTABLISHED our BUSINESS as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS, and have authorized Mr. TO SEO YOU 杜少游 and Mr. WEE KO PEE 高不 to Manage our Business and Sign our Firm.

SWEI BIN LEONG, 瑞興隆

48, Canton Strand, West.

Hongkong, July 8, 1884. 1123

Intimations.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the First June next, the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. ECA DA SILVA & CO., No. 48, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & CO., Storekeepers & WINE, Merchants, Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 737

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by the Provisions made under Two Bills of Sale dated respectively the 3rd day of March, 1883, made respectively between ABIAHAN ELEAZER ABRAHAM of the one part, and ALEXANDRE AMADOU ECA DA SILVA of the other part, and the said ABIAHAN ELEAZER ABRAHAM and SOLOMON MEYERS of the other part, we, the Undersigned have, This Day entered and taken possession of the Estates known as the Novatoe Sraed, in Manao Baw, No. 12, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and will transmit all Business from henceforth on our own account and in our Names.

Dated the 14th day of June, 1884.

A. ECA DA SILVA,

S. MEYERS,

1007 Per pro. N. S. MEYERS.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERSITY, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERSITY

on the 1st March.

The whole of THE ROOMS have been NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

The TABLE will be supplied with THE VERY BEST BRANDS.

Gentlemen desirous of taking Meals, such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, may have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,

Proprietor,

Hongkong, February 20, 1884. 888

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 1st Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 8, 1884. 1123

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirty-Sixth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 1st August, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th Instant to the 1st August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, July 12, 1884. 1153

NOTICE.

THE RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$200 in one sum, will not be received. No deposit can be made more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each deposit or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be Commenced on the 1st May, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

NOTICE.

PERSONS desirous of exchanging Soiled ONE DOLLAR NOTES for CHINIAN NOTES may do so at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from this date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 802

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for the IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the Docking, Cleaning, Painting, &c., of Vessels. The Engine Works in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced Engineers and possess all the necessary appliances for Repairs to Ships and Machinery.

The WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

Gentlemen desirous of taking Meals, such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, may have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,

Proprietor,

Hongkong, February 20, 1884. 888

For Sale.

NEW SEASON'S TEA.

ANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have Received their Supply of their well-known PRESENT TEA.

in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

They are now forwarding the first parcel to England, and will be obliged by Orders from those who desire to have

Boxes sent to their friends.

PRICE:—\$ 7.50 per 5-catty Box, delivered FREE to any address \$12.00, 10-catty, in the United Kingdom.

Hongkong, June 30, 1884. 1033

NOTICE.

SAYLE & CO. beg to inform their Customers and the Public in general that in consequence of the Death of the SENIOR PARTNER, the BUSINESS carried on in HONGKONG will be CLOSED.

On or before the 31st day of August Next, AND THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK is now offered at a REDUCTION of 25 per Cent. on the Marked Prices.

Special terms will be made for parcels of Goods over \$100 in value purchased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash only. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, June 9, 1884. 951

OVERSTRUNG TRICORD COTTAGE PIANOS,

by

NEUMAYER & CO., WEIDENSLAUFER & ROSENKRANZ.

Specially manufactured for this climate.

COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE, Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

FINEST TOUCH.

Price for Cash, \$250 only.

On Hire, per month, \$20.

Special attention is called to the fact that after having hired a Piano for 14 months it will become without further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Apply to Prof. A. VITA,

4, Old Bailey Street.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1159

Intimations.

D. K. GRIFFITH HAS OPENED HIS NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,

No. 1, Duddell Street,

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THE CHINA MAIL

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For Sale.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP SINDH.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo per Steamship *Sindh* and *Conqueror*, from London, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—With the exception of Opium, Precious and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence they may be obtained immediately after landing.

General Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon To-day (Thursday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 17th July, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me before the 19th July or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1884. 1140

Intimations.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PEAK CENTRAL.

WUPPIN DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
COCK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 250

NEWS FOR HOME.

The *Overland China Mail*.

(*Chinese Mail Paper in China*).

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IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Issue is chiefly compiled from the daily *China Mail*, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a full record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed to original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid \$2.00 cents). \$12 per annum (postage paid \$12.00).

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Terms of Advertising, same as in *China Mail*.

APPEL D'OFFRES.

ON fait savoir à tous ceux qu'il apprend :

Que les personnes qui voudraient concourir pour le recrutement du steamer *Sainte-Claire* 1518 Tonnes de jauge, pourront dans le port de Saigon, devront déposer leur soumission au Greffe du Tribunal de 1^{re} Instance de Saigon d'ici au 21 Août 1884 à 5 heures du soir dernier délai.

Le 22 Août 1884 à 7 heures du matin le President prononcera, après ouverture des soumissions, en faveur de l'offre la plus avantageuse.

Chaque soumission envoiée, écrit ou frappée avec signature legalisée par le Consul du France de la localité, doit indiquer :

1. Le prix demandé pour recruter, renfluer et mettre en duc le dit steamer, le pris payable seulement en cas de succès.

2. Le temps demandé pour conduire à finies opérations.

Le temps demandé pour 12 mètres du port devra être de 12 mètres du port moyen.

Pour plus amples renseignements s'adresser à Saigon.

M. F. ENGELR & Co., Consignataires

1163 S. S. Stolzenfels.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*.

Captain Pocock, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1160

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George the First, A. D. 1730.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Polices at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Polices issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Polices issued for sum not exceeding £3,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00

DISPARTEMENT CHINESE FAMILY LAW.

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong; and at the Chinese Mission here.

Digby CHICKS.

Yarmouth BLOOTERS.

Kippered HERRINGS.

Herrings & L. S. SAUSAGES.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

FRANCHE PLUMS.

TEYSSENIER'S DESSERT FRUITS.

JORDAN ALMONDS.

FINE YORK HAMS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SPARTAN COOKING STOVES.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, plats & quarts.

1824 GRAVES.

BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCO & MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLAD.

SACCO & OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNTY PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3 star HEINSEY'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

BOOBY'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOEL PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and OCEANIC BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAVAGE, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

draught ALE and PORTER, by the Galley.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED CIGARES.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST OONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, June 14, 1884. 981

For 6 months to 30th June 1883.—Dividends for 1882 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—For half year ended 31st Dec. 1883.—For 1882.

To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer *Phra Chula Chom Kao*, Capt. H. Lightwood, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th Inst., at noon.

Apply to HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1168

Not Responsible for Bills.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANNA SIEGEN, German barque, Captain Paulsen.—Wielker & Co.

ANNIE W. WESTON, American barque, Capt. H. O. Wilson.—Bon Hin Chin.

C. T. HOOG, British steamer, Captain W. Jarvis.—T. Howard & Co.

EL GANTAN, American ship, Capt. J. E. Sewall.—Captain.

F. C. SIEDEN, German barque, Capt. Holm.—Wielker & Co.

GOVERNOR GOODWIN, Amer. ship, Capt. H. Norton.—Captain.

GOVERNOR TILLEY, British ship, Capt. G. Dickson.—Captain.

GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, Capt. James F. Rowell.—Master.

GUY COSS, American barque, Capt. J. Freeman.—Captain.

JANE MARIA, British barque, Capt. J. O. Griffiths.—Wielker & Co.

LEONORA, American ship, Captain J. E. Petersen.—P. O. S. N. Co.

MACDON, British ship, Captain J. R. Hind.—P. S. N. Co.

MATILDA, American ship, Captain J. G. Meryman.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SCILLER, German barque, Captain C. Steinbock.—Melschow & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, Captain J. B. Shield.—Thos Howard & Co.

WEST AUSTRALIA, British barque, Capt. James Thomas.—Gibson & Co.

WILDFOOD, American barque, Captain Chas. A. Sawyer.—Melschow & Co.

WILHELM HOMMEL, Ger. barque, Capt. W. Holtz.—Siemens & Co.

WM. PHILLIPS, Amer. barque, Capt. John H. Potter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1164

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

For TAKAO, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

For KAO-LOONG, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

For SWATOW and SHANGHAI.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The Government Astronomer reports:—The Barometer has risen in the South and fallen in the North. The Typhoon appears to have entered the mainland between Amoy and Foochow on the 12th, and after describing a curved track inland to have now passed round to the North of Shanghai.

A new rifle shooting range for the use of the navy is at present being constructed on Stone-cutter's Island. It will be completed shortly. The longest range will be 600 yards. As it is just now, the navy have no place where they can practise ball firing with small arms.

We received the other day No. 2 of the *R. N. T. S. Journal*, the monthly magazine of the Hongkong branch of the R. N. Temperance Society. It is a neatly printed pamphlet, intended to give any news relating to the local branch of the Society in question, and suitable extracts from other papers. If the publication does not effect much good, it at least will do no harm, and we have no doubt it will interest the members of the Society.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. inform us that the S. S. *Kilkenny* arrived of Sydney on 13th inst., 10 days out, from Foochow, which port she left on 21st June, bound for Melbourne.—Also that the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Manawir*, Captain Helms, arrived at Sydney on the 13th inst. from Foochow. She left Foochow on 25th June and has made the passage from there to Sydney in seventeen days, fifteen hours.

The *Chung-ko* *Sau-ko* has an elaborate communication, continued for several days, setting forth grand proposals for the future development of China. On the subject of taxation it says:—'Let all nations be informed that if France breaks the peace, all goods, French or other, carried in French vessels, and all French products and manufactures carried in vessels of any nation shall pay triple the ordinary tariff; and whenever traders of any nation connive at the evasion of this rule the goods will be confiscated.'

A CORRESPONDENT at Macao writes:—The result of the *Wu-ze-ye* monopoly—one million, sixty one thousand for the next three years, from September proximo, and that of the *Fen-kuo*—\$172,100, for one year, cannot fail to show the ability displayed by Governor Rose. The sincerest hope of the Macaoese is that the money may not be employed outside the Colony, as we are badly in want, for example, of a good gold market, &c., &c.

The Salt monopoly is now to be adjusted.

On Saturday last, the dead body of a Chinaman, apparently about 30 years of age, was found hanging from the branch of a tree below the ruined house of the Pokok-lum Road, known as Gilman's Bungalow. The body was cut down by Constable Heckett, and conveyed to Victoria. The toes of the body were touching the ground, the hands were free and the body itself was only six inches from the trunk of the tree; just beside the feet were a number of stones. It is surmised the man hung himself, and that he had built up the stones and then given himself a 'drop' by kicking them away. There was nothing found on the body to indicate who the man was, and the diligent inquiries of the Police have failed to discover anything regarding him. An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner, Mr. A. G. Wm, and a jury consisting of Messrs. C. L. Gorham, F. J. R. Schwartzenkopf, and A. A. Gotterez. A verdict of 'found hanged' was returned.

JUDGING from to-day's telegram, some definite step is likely to be taken within the next few days for the settlement, or the resolving into war, of the Franco-Chinese imbroglio. France, we are told, has given China eight days to decide whether or not she will pay the indemnity; if the matter is not then settled, the French fleet will seize a material guarantee for the payment—that is Chinese territory or property. We must confess we are utterly weary of the Franco-Chinese difficulty. War would be better than this prolonged suspense, with its crisis, and its injurious effects upon trade. For nearly a year and a half the outbreak of hostilities in the Far East has been *sue de tapis*, and at the present moment war appears as probable as it was at any part of the period. Even if the French seize a 'material guarantee,' the difficulty may appear to be no nearer a settlement. It is not certain that such a step would mean war, and the French might hold on to their guarantee and the Chinese remain defiant, but not aggressive, for any length of time.

It is almost useless to venture an opinion as to what will be the result of the situation. We would not like to say the Chinese Government itself knows exactly what it is going to do. A short and decisive war which would take the French troops to Peking would probably be the best thing that could happen for the Chinese Empire. But any war in which a considerable land force is to be employed by the French is not likely to be short, if decisive. China is too far away from France for that. Whatever operations the French undertake will not be performed by the fleet; aided by a few thousands of troops from Tonquin if any territory is to be seized and

occupied. The French Government would scarcely have announced its intention to seize Foochow, if it really intended to occupy that place.

ANOTHER robbery is said to have taken place on the premises of the Recreation Club, and, as is nearly always the case, the steward is again the victim. The steward's statement is to this effect. His servant brought his tiffin to the Club about half past twelve on Saturday. He had then \$55 in the breast pocket of his coat. He took this money out and counted it in the presence of his servant. He put the money back in his pocket, and then hung up his jacket in the room. At this point, a member of the Club came in and the steward went out to the bar, leaving his servant alone in the room. After this, he discovered on taking down his coat that his money had been stolen. He immediately went in search of the servant, and also sent one of the Club boys to look for him. The servant was found and taken to the Club. Here he was beaten both by the steward himself, L. M. Lobo, and Thomas Phillip Lobo, a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Bickerston, Wootton and Deacon. According to the evidence of these two witnesses, the servant, a young lad, at first denied the theft, but on being beaten he confessed; he afterwards repeated his denial. The lad himself says he only confessed because he was beaten so severely. The case was remanded. The money, which the steward alleges was subtrahed which he had collected for the Club, has not been recovered.

TO-DAY is the great national fête day of Republican France, commemorating the capture and destruction of the Bastille in 1789, and although here in Hongkong there has been little to remind one of the occasion, the closing of the Messageries Maritimes office and the dressing of the French mail boat, being the only signs of the anniversary, the day will be celebrated with great enthusiasm, and *éclat* among the French community at Shanghai and in the Colony of Cochin-China.

The *Scénario* writes:—The Governor has decided, on the occasion of the national fête of the 14th July that on the evening of the 13th a salute of twenty one guns shall be fired and on the morning of the 14th another salute of one hundred and one guns. All public buildings will be dressed with flags during the day, and lighting at evening, weather permitting. The Courts and tribunals, the offices and workshops of the administration and the arsenal will be closed during the 14th. A holiday will be granted to the scholars of the public schools and the educational establishments subventioned by the Colony. A double allowance of wine will be served out to the troops comprising the different garrisons of Cochin-China and Cambodia. A sum of two hundred dollars will be distributed, through kindness of the General commanding-in-chief, amongst the messes of the different corps and garrisons, and a sum of two hundred dollars in like manner between the companies and sections of the regiment of Annamite tirailleurs. Two hundred dollars will, by the kindness of the Director of the Interior, be divided among the brigades of the native Civil Guards and a like sum will be distributed among the districts for the purpose of organizing public fêtes.

Fêtes and public games will be held at Saigon and Cholon under the care of the respective mayors, during the day and evening of the 14th.

On Saturday afternoon, a team of six artillerymen shot over the ranges at Kowloon against a team of six Naval Yard Policemen. The artillerymen were armed with the regulation Martini Henry carbine, and the policemen shot with the Martini Henry rifle. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven rounds at each range. There was a strong breeze blowing from left to right, and there was also too much light for accurate firing. Big scores were consequently few; but for the Police, with 67, being the only one who got over the 60. The big gun men were defeated, but they intend to challenge the policemen to try their skill again, on condition that both teams fire with the carbine. The artillerymen are of opinion that the rifle is the better weapon at the long range, but this contention is hardly tenable if the scores of Saturday are to be considered. The Police made 75 at the 500 yards' range, the artillery scored 80. It will be more satisfactory, however, if the same weapon is adopted by both teams. The return match will probably come of next Saturday, when we hope to see the Artillery avenge their defeat. The following are the scores:

NAVAL YARD POLICE.			
200	400	500	
75	40	50	
Constable Tan, ...	22	21	67
Carroll, ...	23	22	59
Brown, ...	22	19	56
Dulfin, ...	22	18	7
Trower, ...	6	18	27
Connolly, ...	19	6	30
Grand total, ...	294		

ROYAL ARTILLERY.				
200	400	500		
75	40	50		
Born, Walsh, ...	21	16	20	57
Sgt. Houghton, ...	21	16	18	53
Melvin, ...	19	6	14	59
Gunner Buckley, ...	21	7	11	59
Almantrice, ...	17	14	7	58
Bryant, ...	16	8	10	58
Grand total, ...	293			

It is almost useless to venture an opinion as to what will be the result of the situation. We would not like to say the Chinese Government itself knows exactly what it is going to do. A short and decisive war which would take the French troops to Peking would probably be the best thing that could happen for the Chinese Empire. But any war in which a considerable land force is to be employed by the French is not likely to be short, if decisive. China is too far away from France for that. Whatever operations the French undertake will not be performed by the fleet; aided by a few thousands of troops from Tonquin if any territory is to be seized and

occupied. The Manager of the Oriental Bank here received the following telegram from London this morning: 'Company formed will be launched early in the week. Bankers, Union Bank of London and Bank of Scotland. This of course refers to the New Oriental Bank, Limited. In the circular which the promoters of this new Bank issued on the 30th May they suggested what might be done in regard to the old Bank's liabilities as follows:—

By the formation of the new bank certain facilities could be given which while proving profitable to it, would be most advantageous to the creditors and shareholders of the old. For instance the item of banking premiums alone is very considerable, and the amount realized by their sale would naturally be much greater if disposed of for purposes to which they are specially applicable. The greater part of the staff of the late Corporation also must be maintained by the liquidator until the liquidation approaches its termination, and an economy could be effected in this direction by their employment in the new bank.

The manager of the New Corporation will thus, it is estimated, benefit the old bank to the extent of several hundred thousand pounds, and in this way assist the speedy repayment in full of the late Corporation's debentures and other creditors. It will probably save the shareholders a sum at any rate of the calls for which they are liable, and may even enable them to recover a portion of the capital they have lost in the old bank by paying a way to the formation of other companies for the management and realization of the Ceylon and Mauritius estates.

The enormous trade offers an undoubted opening for the remunerative employment of capital, and as the nature of the business has been steadily changing during recent years the new bank will occupy an exceptionally favourable position being untroubled in any way, and therefore able to take advantage of the experience gained at the expense of other institutions to adapt its rule to the altered conditions. To avoid the expense and uncertainty of continuing any branch establishments which cannot with confidence be relied upon as successful.

The net earnings divided by the late Corporation in the 33 years of its existence amounted to nearly \$6,000,000 sterling, and until it became involved by lock-up of capital in landed property, its dividends were never under 12 per cent. per annum. Even last year, while struggling through great difficulties, its gross earnings were almost a quarter of a million sterling, or 17 per cent. on the capital, but the heavy expenses, increased by the cost of managing the unproductive assets, absorbed two-thirds of the amount.

Arrangements may be made to undertake, as agents, the liquidation abroad of the late Corporation's assets so as to facilitate the winding-up, and hasten the repayment of the balance due to creditors, and a reasonable charge will be made for these services, which will afford a profit to the new Company, whose banking staff can undertake the work with little extra assistance.

The new bank may also look forward to considerable business in assisting creditors of the late Corporation pending a settlement of their claims.

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A PROCLAMATION by His Excellency (Governor) has decided,

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 6643.—July 14, 1884.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
AND LONDON;
ALSO;
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—*Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERAK, GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.*

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ROSEMARY, Captain G. W. Brady, with Her Majority, Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ to CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on THURSDAY, the 17th July, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, HONGKONG.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 7, 1884. 111

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF NEW YORK will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Domingo, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN Passengers.—Passengers, who have paid full fare re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one month, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 1 p.m. on the 22nd instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information, as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 7, 1884. 1090

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 24th July, 1884, at Noon, the Company's S. S. HEDWIGE, Commandant PASQUALINI, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 23rd July, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd July, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Company's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 11, 1884. 1152

INSURANCES.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNFIELD, KALBERG & CO.,
Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packages as may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything be inserted except bone fide Supplements. Printed matter, however, be enclosed as the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either of Books or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 1 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. If without intrinsic value to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c.); Oilum, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruits, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to come offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a *Parcel Post* to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Parcel, whether to be registered or not, registered, can be received for Postage, if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. The Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the value of the parcel less than 5 cents.

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4. The following cannot be transmitted:

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Post administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck by the dishonesty or negligence of an person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for damage to fragile articles such as portrait-watches, handsomely bound books, & which reach their destination, although a broken or deteriorated condition.

Postage to Union Countries.

General rates, by route:—

Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and Com. 2 cents per 2 oz.

Con. 10 cents per ½ oz.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Levens, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

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